

RESOLUTIONS.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Sec. 1. To amend Section 2 of Article 10 of the Constitution.

No. 1.—[S. J. R. No. 16.] Joint Resolution amending Article 10, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Section 2, Article 10, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows:

Article 2. Railroads heretofore constructed or which may hereafter be constructed in this state are hereby declared public highways and railroad companies common carriers. The legislature shall pass laws to regulate railroad freight and passenger tariffs, to correct abuses, and prevent unjust discrimination and extortion in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in this state, and enforce the same by adequate penalties; and to the further accomplishments of these objects and purposes may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the legislature of the state of Texas at the next general election for state and county officers, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 10, Section 2, of the Constitution, relating to railroads;" and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 10, Section 2, of the Constitution, relating to railroads:" *Provided*, That the said article and section of the constitution may be indicated on said ballots either by words, numerals, or figures. The governor of the state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the constitution and existing laws of the state.

Approved, April 8, 1889.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Sec. 1. To amend Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution.

No. 2.—[S. J. R. No. 19.] Joint Resolution to amend Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. *Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

ARTICLE EIGHT.

Section 9. The state tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city, or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceed fifteen cents for roads

and bridges on the one hundred dollars valuation except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, A. D. 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works, and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this constitution otherwise provided; and the legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads: *Provided*, That a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of public roads and highways without the local notice required for special or local laws.

SEC. 2. That the governor of Texas be and he is hereby required to submit the foregoing resolution to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at the next general election.

SEC. 3. That those voting for the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballot "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution," and those voting against the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballot "Against amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution."

Approved, April 6, 1889.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Sec.
1. Instructs attorney-general to sue for infringement of copyright.

Sec.
2. Five hundred dollars appropriated for purposes hereof.
3. Emergency clause.

No. 3.—[S. J. R. No. 12.] Joint Resolution authorizing the attorney-general to bring suit for the state for the violation of the state copyright to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Reports, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Whereas it is alleged that the copyright of the state to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Reports, published under chapter 12 of the Acts of 1882, approved May 3, 1882, has been violated by the unauthorized publication of said reports: Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That the attorney-general be and he is hereby authorized and required to investigate the charge set forth in the preamble hereto, and if satisfied of the truth of the same, to institute in the name of the state such legal proceedings as he may deem necessary and proper to protect the interest of the state in the premises.

SEC. 2. The sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of such investigation and legal proceedings.

SEC. 3. The loss resulting to the state from the violation of her copyright as aforesaid creates an imperative public necessity and an emergency requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule for the reading of bills and resolutions on three several days; said rule is hereby suspended, and this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—The foregoing joint resolution originated in the senate, and passed the same by a vote of 26 yeas, 2 nays; and passed the house by a vote of 86 yeas, no nays.]

Approved, February 22, 1889.